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UM FINANCIAL AID NIGHT OPEN TO ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

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No matter where local students plan to attend college, they can get financial aid information at a special program to be held Tuesday, Jan. 9, at The University of Montana.

The annual community Financial Aid Night will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom with an hour-and-a-half presentation by UM financial aid Director Mick Hanson. Topics will include the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Pell Grants, scholarships, loans and tax credits.

"There are few things in the 21st century that won't require a higher education," Hanson said. "This is an opportunity for every high school graduate and his or her parents to begin building those dreams."

UM financial aid professionals will be on hand before and after the presentation to answer individual questions and provide assistance. Representatives from local banks and from the Student Assistance Foundation also will be available to answer questions.

"After experiencing a high school night, all graduates should understand that a college education is attainable, no matter what their income level may be," Hanson said.

Financial Aid Night is free and open to the public. For more information, call Admissions and New Student Services at 243-6266.

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